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FOR VATICAN OFFICE

E.O. 11652: N.A.

TAGS: VT, US

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO  
POPE JOHN PAUL I

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE OF CON-  
GRATULATIONS TO POPE JOHN PAUL I FOR SOONEST POSSIBLE  
DELIVERY:

"YOUR HOLINESS:  
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I JOIN PEOPLE THE  
WORLD OVER IN WELCOMING YOUR ELECTION AS PONTIFF OF THE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH. WE REJOICE IN THE RENEWAL OF  
LEADERSHIP FOR YOUR CHURCH.  
IN A WORLD OF RAPID CHANGE, THE BASIC NEEDS OF  
HUMANITY REMAIN THE SAME: PEACE, JUSTICE, EQUITY  
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AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR LIFE WITH DIGNITY. THESE ARE STILL  
THE SUPREME CHALLENGES THAT FACE US. YOUR VOICE AND YOUR  
EFFORTS, IN THE TRADITION OF YOUR PREDECESSORS, CAN  
BE AN INSPIRATION AND A HOPE FOR ALL THOSE WHO STRUGGLE  
TO MEET THOSE CHALLENGES. I PRAY IT WILL BE HEARD AND  
ECHOED BY PEOPLE OF GOODWILL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.  
ON THIS HAPPY OCCASION, I EXTEND TO YOUR HOLINESS

MY DEEP RESPECT AND SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR YOUR PAPACY."

2. WE HAVE NO PLANS TO RELEASE TEXT BUT WOULD NOT OBJECT  
IF VATICAN CHOOSES TO DO SO. CHRISTOPHER

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## Message Attributes

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